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CULTURE OF MICROORGANISMS

FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF A

POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACID

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 29, 2003, Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time, extending the date for response to and including December 29, 2003 submit the requisite fee therefor, and request that the referenced patent application be amended as shown below.

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